

In the claims:

1. (Original) A holder for beverage containers, comprising a pot-shaped container receptacle for receiving a beverage container; a holding ring; a guideway arranged on said container receptacle and formed so as to guide said holding ring for movement up and down between a lowered position and a raised position.
2. (Original) A holder as defined in claim 1; and further comprising a spring element which raises said holding ring; and a releasable locking mechanism which in a locked state holds said holding ring in said lowered position against a force of said spring element.
3. (Original) A holder as defined in claim 2, wherein said spring element is formed as a compression spring.
4. (Original) A holder as defined in claim 3, wherein said compression spring of said spring element is arranged between walls.

5. (Original) A holder as defined in claim 1, wherein said holding ring has a helical groove, said container receptacle having a projection which engages in said helical groove of said holding ring.

6. (Original) A holder as defined in claim 1; and further comprising a cover arranged to be pivoted open; and a control track arrangement which connects said holding ring and has a control projection arranged on said cover and a curved control track arranged on said holding ring.

7. (New) A holder as defined in claim 6, wherein said control track arrangement including said control projection and said curved control track is formed so that an opening movement of said cover is coupled with a lifting movement of said holding ring, while a closing movement of said cover is coupled with a lowering movement of said holding ring.

8. (New) A holder for beverage containers, comprising a pot-shaped container receptacle for receiving a beverage container; a holding ring; a guideway arranged on said container receptacle and formed so as to guide said holding ring for movement up and down between a lowered position and a raised position; a cover arranged to be pivoted open; and a

control track arrangement which connects said cover with said holding ring, said control track arrangement being formed so that an opening movement of said cover is coupled with a lifting movement of said holding ring, while a closing movement of said cover is coupled with a lowering movement of said holding ring.